

**- \$10.5 Million in Unclaimed Tax Refunds Owed to New Yorkers -**

Washington, DC – U.S. Representative John Hall (D-NY19) today announced that 8,722 taxpayers in New York are owed refunds by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), totaling \$10.5 million. Congressman Hall urged Hudson Valley residents to check with the IRS or with one of Hall's New York offices to see if the IRS may owe them a tax refund.

"Thousands of middle class families may be eligible for a very easy tax break," said Hall. "And some extra money can come in handy especially at this time of year."

Taxpayers can receive their money as soon as they update their address with the IRS. Hudson Valley taxpayers can see if their name is on the list of taxpayers owed money and find out how to claim their money by:

- Visiting [Congressman Hall's website](#) to find a link to the IRS's "Where's My Refund?" tool
  - Calling Congressman Hall's office at (845) 225-3641 ext. 371 or (845) 291-4100
  - Accessing the telephone version of "Where's My Refund?" by calling 1-800-829-1954
- The "Where's My Refund?" link can also [be accessed directly here](#).

Nationally, over 100,000 taxpayers have unclaimed tax refunds totaling about \$110 million. In the State of New York, the average taxpayer with an unclaimed refund is owed over \$1,200, according to the IRS.

A tax refund is usually withheld when the IRS or United States Postal Service does not have a taxpayer's current address on file. Tax refunds are deemed undeliverable and held by the IRS until it receives an updated address.

Since taking office in January, Congressman Hall has consistently worked to lower taxes for working families. Hall is a co-sponsor of H.R. 3726, The Property Tax Relief Act of 2007, which would help ease the property tax burden in the Hudson Valley by allowing all taxpayers, including those who take the standard deduction, to deduct the cost of their local property taxes from their federal tax return. Hall is also a co-sponsor of H.R. 2902, The Middle Class Opportunity Act, which would provide a series of tax cuts to working families and expand the child tax credit. H.R. 3758, The Family Tax Relief Act, introduced in October by Hall, would help to eliminate marriage and child care penalties associated with the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT), a tax which, although originally intended for millionaires, has begun to affect a disproportionate amount of middle class taxpayers.

"I will continue my work in Congress on behalf of all families currently fighting to get ahead," said Hall. "Whether it's passing important tax reforms or pointing people in the direction of a potential refund on their income taxes, I remain committed to doing all that I can to deliver results and put more money back in the pockets of the taxpayer."